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## Birthday Surprise

Sunday June 8th about twenty five relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cavanah surprised them by coming with well filled baskets to celebrate the 76th birthday of Uncle Jack (as he is familiarly called).

When the noon hour came, tables were set out in the shade of the trees and a bountiful repast of bread, fried chicken, old ham, salads, pie and cake were served. The table was beautifully decorated with roses, French pinks and wild daisies.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cavanah, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cavanah and children, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Cavanah and son, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell and little daughter, Mrs. Jerusha Martin, Mrs. S. C. Chadwick, Joe Riley, Clyde Allen, Miss Cleo Riley, Glen Rice and Everett Evans grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Cavanah just returned from overseas. At a late hour they left for their home wishing Uncle Jack many happy returns of the day.

## Disguised Levee Project

As announced last week, the owners of the land subject to overflow on Locust Creek and Grand River adjacent to Sumner met Thursday afternoon at the opera house and, after the project of building a levee sufficient to protect the farms from floods, and explanations on the part of C. E. Jacobi, the engineer of the Desa Lake levee, as to the probable cost of the project, were discussed, a temporary organization was effected with Dr. A. F. Kemp as chairman and C. E. Wanamaker as secretary. M. S. Williams, Ross Louden and D. S. were appointed to circulate petitions for signatures.

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## Organize Branch Legion

Harold E. Holcomb Second Dist. organizer of the American Legion will be at Brunswick Sunday June 15th for the purpose of establishing a branch of American Legion Post. All soldiers, sailors and marines are especially urged to be present. The meeting will be held at the City Hall in Brunswick at 3 o'clock.

J. L. Kendrick.

Attorney Ruby Beneke was in town the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dye of Orrick arrived Wednesday for a visit to Mrs. Dye's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Anderson and her sister Miss Jane Anderson. They were a day late in arriving, the high water detouring them from the direct route via DeWitt to Glasgow for crossing. They came in the their coupe.

Mrs. R. W. Rucker will leave today for St. Louis where she will be joined Saturday by her children and Mrs. and Miss Roberta Parks when the party will go to Lewinsburg, W. Va. for the summer. Mrs. Rucker will have her big car on hand with which to make such trips about the country as she may plan.

Post Master Herbert Applegate returned the latter part of last week from K. City where he attended for several days the tri-state p. m. convention. Herbert says that he had the time of his life and there were few p. m. on hand who did not help themselves liberally to the unlimited hospitality. Undoubtedly the trip did our popular Uncle Sam a lot of good. He needed it and all else in the world to appreciate it.

## MORE CROPS DESTROYED

Grand River Gets New Fields Brunswick Levee Broke Slowly Falling

While the last rise which began last week in Grand river did not reach the stage of the former one, practically as much damage was done. The levee at Brunswick which protects the large body of land opposite the city and which was crowded with as fine prospect for wheat as ever grew, gave way and soon all was under water. Much wheat ground which had been put in corn up the river was again overflowed, necessitating replanting. This is the third overflow of Grand this season. The Chariton river is rising again as it is now about bank full, the prospect for another overflow is good.

## Salisbury

The condition of Thomas Ball remains about the same.

Mrs. J. W. McCully is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hugh Wilhite in Excelsior Springs.

J. H. Trent is reroofing and papering his residence property in the north side of town.

Major Ingram, father of our Joe is here on a visit to his son. His daughter is with him.

We learn that Claud Drew has been taken to a hospital to be operated on for appendicitis.

Mrs. Geo. D. Copeland has hemiplegia of the right side but seems to be doing fairly well.

Mrs. R. A. Gehrig is at Carthage attending the state convention of the Christian church, as a delegate.

Thos. I. Horton has traded the Golden Rule Laundry to Roy Gushard of Saline county for a farm in Wayne county, Mo.

Mrs. Laura Cleeton has been visiting her brothers, Laban and W. J. Atteberry here this week. We regret to learn her health is poor.

We learn that E. J. Kaiser the engineer has purchased nice residence property and will move to that city about July 1st. We regret to see this good family leave our town.

The overseas boys are coming in droves and now then one drops off at Salisbury, the latest being Carl Huber and Herman Elmore. Thrice welcome boys our city greets you.

So far as we have been able to get the figures, the local churches have received the following accessions as the result of the protracted meeting: Baptist 55, with 20 more expected; Methodist 42 and Christian 27 with 12 more expected.

The widow of Mrs. A. A. Choud, one of the stockman, arrived on N. 3 Tuesday afternoon from St. Louis where she died on Sunday very suddenly. She had been taken there for examination and treatment some days before and her husband had returned leaving her for further observation when on Sunday a message was received calling him, but before he could start another was received saying she was dead. Funeral services were held from the Christian church on Wednesday afternoon. She was a member on Wednesday conducted by Rev. M. J. Rucker which remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery. Deceased left a husband but no children and was a woman highly respected and esteemed. Her husband has the sympathy of all and especially of the women.

## Farm Bureau Notes

By Sam Jordan

Last call for the annual meeting Friday and Saturday this week. We certainly hope that we will have a good turn out as we believe that this program will be enormously helpful to the farming interests.

## Army Worms

We find several outbreaks of this pest in the county but in most places not numerous enough to cause any very serious alarm. The worst we have found so far is on a farm near Sumner where they attacked a field of 25 acres of rye, and the crop has been rendered worthless. All that could be done was to plow the rye under for green manure and to destroy the worms at the same time. The field may still be planted to soybeans with safety as the army worms will not destroy soybeans.

A peculiar thing of the outbreak so far has been that they have apparently started from the heavy growth of the grasses known by various names such as Squirrel Tail, Wild Rye, Awn Grass, etc. They seem to be very fond of this plant but will destroy to a greater or less extent any of the grasses. The plan was to plow entirely round the field to stop their movement into the meadow, pasture, or other crops. This plowing should be followed immediately by a thorough harrowing and this if possible followed with a corrugated roller. The roller should be heavily weighted making it difficult for the worms to cross over the rough surface.

The greatest danger at this time is their entrance to the wheat fields, pastures and meadows as well as corn. Where it is possible a strip from 15 to 20 feet wide should be plowed and harrowed down, in the event a corrugated roller can be secured. If something of this kind cannot be used the plowing should be left as rough as possible. The idea is to make it difficult for the worms to cross the rough surface. This should be kept in mind in combating this pest from any crop.

The method commonly resorted to, to protect a corn field is to make one ditch around the field. This requires a good deal of time and labor and we believe a far better plan is to make a series of small ditches around the margin of the field. These ditches are sometimes made by making a "big trough" with lumber about 8 inches wide and making the angle rather sharp that the wall of the ditch will be steep, nail boards perhaps two feet in length across the top of it to prevent the trough from rolling, weight it heavily and use this for making the ditches by dragging it between the rows of corn. This method will be splendidly effective in the event that the weather is not rainy. The worms will attempt to climb the embankment and the footing will break and they will fall backward into the ditch, these migrations being made very largely in the night time. It is found that a few will get over the first ditch, a few over the second, but they rarely pass the third. They are found sometimes only in small patches and in events of this kind they can be very successfully poisoned. We use the same formula for poisoning that is used for grass hoppers which consists of 25 pounds of bran with one pound of paris green, or white arsenic, with about 3 or 3 quarts of old sorghum, enough water added to make it a crumbly mash and about 5 or 6 oranges

## CIRCUIT COURT

Biggest Day In Many Years General Cussedness Charged Majority Convicted

The adjourned term of circuit court held here Tuesday for the purpose of action on indictments found by the last grand jury proved to be the biggest day in court for many moons, inasmuch as it took in practically the whole county. It was also notable that gambling was the charge against nearly all the indicted the booze-peddling had a small share in the actions, and also it was evident that practically all the defendants were young men or boys. If the showing in this regard is an index to real conditions, then we have no longer any old offenders. But is that so? If there are any is it because they are too foxy to get in the trap?

Nearly every one of the young men indicted was fined on a plea of guilty to one charge and the remainder of the offenses charged were dismissed and there were few who did not have from three to a dozen true bills against them.

Perhaps in the majority of instances where the drag net caught a bunch "rolling the bones" the total cash would amount to a quarter or six bits, money being no object but fun, diversion or something to do accounting for the "gambling."

Practically the entire number of young men before the court are fine young fellows and we do not propose to add to exposure of them by going into detail. Let bad enough alone.

## Rural Carrier Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the county of Chariton Mo. to be held at Carrollton, Mo. July 12, 1919 to fill the position of rural carrier at Brunswick, Mo., and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above mentioned county.

## Methodist Church

There will be the usual services Sunday. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Milton Davis, Pastor

or lemons, cut up and the juice as well as the parts of lemons thoroughly mixed with the mash. This should be applied not earlier than sun down. Between sun down and dark would be the proper time and when this work is rightly done approximately 90 percent of them can be destroyed.

The cold wet weather has been favorable to the development of this pest and some warm hot weather will cause them to disappear very readily. There will be a second brood perhaps within 20 days but by that time the weather is commonly too hot for them to do much damage.

We cannot give a thorough discussion of this matter on account of newspaper space and we are going to ask you to come to the annual meeting where the matter will be thoroughly discussed, and we are going to try to make it clear that no one need lose a patch of corn on account of army worms, if the weather happens to be dry enough that the ditch method will be successful.

We certainly hope that the trouble will not become as serious as it was in some parts of the county five years ago. If we will only get busy and use every method of combat we can very largely control this pest.

## Smith-Grubbs

A notable wedding at St. Joseph's Church Tuesday when Edward Smith of Kansas City and Miss Vesta Grubbs were united in holy bonds of wedlock because of the prominence of the young people and the large circle of friends who were present and the long list of valuable souvenirs of the occasion. Father Richardson of Brunswick said the ceremony in the always impressive rites of the Catholic Church and the formalities were entirely observed.

Edward Smith is a native of the county and formerly a resident of the neighborhood of his bonny bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Grubbs and one of the leading young women of her section. They will make their home in Kansas City where Mr. Smith has a lucrative position.

After the ceremonies at the church a sumptuous dinner at high noon was served to about 130 guests after which the bridal couple departed for their new home. A check for a large amount from the brides father and a large number of other tokens of love and good wishes were among the evidences of the estimation in which the young people are held.

## Stock Market.

K. City Wednesday

Top cattle for the week to yesterday \$16. Top hogs \$20.60 and top lambs \$18.35.

Dempsey Anderson has been named scout master by the local boy scouts vice Prof Bond who has gone to other parts. Dempsey Anderson will make a good leader for the splendid organization here.

Mrs. Stella Ryan came from Oakland, Cal., a great part of the way with her daughter, Essie in a car, for a visit to her brothers, Charlie and Brown Thrash and sister Mrs. John Carroll. Her daughter returned in the car from Marietta Springs, Cal., from which point Mrs. Ryan came on by rail. She will visit her numerous relatives here for perhaps a month. She is a good advertisement of California climate and health.

Some storm Tuesday afternoon in the neighborhood of Heck hill. Prof. Geo. Carlstead convinced ye editor that we could beat it in the Courier Packard twin-cylinder and we put out at Brunswick at a lively clip, but barely made it to the school house on top of the hill behind which we camped until the wind and rain had let up. Two Fords, one piloted by Mose Fletcher and with his family aboard and another by one of the expert, handsome young women drivers west of town, disdained to take shelter until they stuck at the next hill east. The women abandoned Fletcher to his fate and went to cover somewhere further on. Fletcher went in the ditch and blocked the road with the aid of the car abandoned by the above described young women. Prof. and ye heaved and boosted, slipped and slid, splattered and spluttered mud in efforts, successful, to get Fletcher over the hill. Then it was that all the women were discovered on the back track, shoeless and sockless defying the slippery clay to ascertain the fate of Fletcher. Our car appearing the prof, letting out a war whoop, the women fled to tall weed for barrage. Muddy, wet, hungry and slightly profane, we made it in before dark, old time. The rain was lighter from Billups east, very little here.

## NATION WIDE STRIKE

Commercial Telegraphers Called Out. Probing League Leak Suffragist Dodge

Simultaneously with the turning back to the owners of the telegraph and telephone lines by p. m. general Burleson, a general strike was ordered by chief Konenkamp because the Western Union head would not recognize the union. It is estimated that seventy thousand operators will strike this week. If federated labor unions take action in sympathy, the country will be plunged into a serious situation.

The U. S. Senate is probing for the leak which let Wall Street have copies of the league treaty in advance of any one else, official or non-official in this country. It was greatly desired that the people learn nothing of the covenant until it had been acted on officially.

The national suffrage bill having passed congress and been signed, governors of states are falling over each other in efforts to get legislatures together to ratify before another election. Gov. Gardner contemplates convening the legislature of this state for the purpose. It is said that many members have signified willingness to pay their own expenses for an extra session for the purpose.

## Mrs. V. S. Harper

A loving and faithful wife and devoted mother, after a lingering illness of two months, passed into the open June 10, 1919.

Martha Agnes, youngest daughter of D. W. and Anne E. Bayne, was born in Lunenburg County, Va. January 27, 1842.

After the death of the father she came to Missouri with her mother and has lived in the same neighborhood since eight years of age. Early in life she united with the Baptist church at Dalton, exemplifying in a patient, lovely christian life the power of Christ. The sympathetic attention tendered during her illness manifested the high esteem in which she was held by her neighbors. She leaves a broken hearted husband and sorrowing son who will miss her loving administrations, but who recognize the power of God and bow submissive to his will.

## A Long Tour

J. W. Taylor with Misses Elizabeth Arrington, Mildred Northcutt and Lucy Long Taylor, left early Wednesday morning for W. Va. in a big Hudson Super Six belonging to Mrs. R. W. Rucker.

The party will go by Hannibal, Springfield, Ill., Cincinnati, O., Portsmouth, Charleston and to Lewisburg, W. Va. A trip to the National Capitol is contemplated by the party.

Miss Mildred Northcutt will stop with relatives in Indiana and perhaps remain with them until school opens here.

Sterling Price came Wednesday for a visit to his daughter Mrs. Geo. Carlstead.

Mrs. Wallace Agee came Tuesday from K. City expecting to meet her son Ben here. Ben has arrived from overseas and has been discharged and expected to show up in his old haunts.

The bridge across the new Chariton east of town will likely not be in condition to cross before Monday or Tuesday. Delay has been occasioned by shortage of lumber for floor. The dirt approaches will be completed rapidly when once begun.